

# A Thought for Christmas



**THIS** country has a lot to be thankful for this Christmas; but thoughts of our boys away from home and of those who won't come back should make us all pretty serious; no one is going to feel like giving and doing useless and impractical things this Christmas.

## Give Only the Things That Are Useful!

**YOU'LL** find this store a good place to come for the things men want—for the things they buy for themselves. Our name on any article is a sign of quality; it means that whoever gets your gift will have respect for your taste.

## Some Suggestions:

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Collars  
Caps  
Shirts

Mufflers  
Underwear  
Belts  
Shoes

Sweaters  
Silk Hosiery  
Neckwear  
Hats

Bath Robes  
Gloves  
Handkerchiefs  
Etc., Etc.

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Monroe City, Missouri.

### Time is Fleeting

Christmas is less than four weeks away.

Unless Christmas purchasing is done earlier than formerly, the shopper is going to be disappointed. Stocks are complete now and the stores are not crowded. You can accomplish more in a day now than in an entire week just before Christmas. The merchants have anticipated your wants and are now showing many novelties for the season's trade. You will confer a favor on both the merchant and his clerks by making your Christmas purchases at the earliest possible moment. They will be enabled to give you better service and you will be enabled to find exactly what you want.

Shop early. Right now is not too soon.

The Americans, the French and the English are all on German soil and not a cathedral has been bombed, no factories have been burned, no citizens shot or carried off and no towns razed. Still German public men are talking about the dreadful hardships of the armistice. They ought to be taken to Belgium and shown around.

Like most men of few words Gen. Pershing usually has something worth saying when he talks. His Thanksgiving address to the American soldiers is no less admirable in thought than in diction.

### 3145 Flu Deaths

Influenza, and pneumonia attributable to influenza, caused 3,145 deaths in Missouri during October, according to a report made public by Dr. George H. Jones, secretary of the State Board of Health.

The report showed that the total deaths in the State during October from all causes were 6,617, or an increase of 3,398 over the same period for 1917. The total deaths in October, 1917, were 3,219, and 3,269 in October, 1916.

Bronchial pneumonia, contributory to influenza, caused 1,336 deaths during October of this year, which is the largest number of deaths attributed to any one disease. Influenza, without any complications, caused 505 deaths. Lobar pneumonia, attributable to influenza, caused 1,304 deaths.

There were 629 deaths in the State during the month from pneumonia, without its complications.

St. Louis reported 724 deaths during October, from pneumonia, influenza, and pneumonia attributed to influenza. Kansas City is next with 656. St. Joseph recorded 209 deaths; Springfield, 197; St. Louis County, 158; Dunklin County, 165; Vernon County, 96; Pemiscot County, 83.

Mrs. Mary Rouse returned from Bucklin Monday, where she had been visiting her daughter Mrs. T. P. Middleton and family.

### Red Cross Elects

The Monroe City Red Cross Chapter at a meeting held last Friday elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Chairman, E. W. Schweer; Vice, Miss Grace Turner.

Secretary, G. E. Chipman; Treasurer, M. B. Proctor.

The following committees were appointed:

Membership—Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. E. W. Schweer, Miss Edna Noler, Mrs. L. L. Hagan, Mrs. Jack Conway, Mrs. Ivan Yates.

Finance—J. M. Johnson, J. D. Robey, T. M. Boulware, Thomas Christian, Jno. J. Rogers.

Publicity—Miss Anna Nolen. Military and Civilian Relief—R. L. Wilson, D. R. Davenport, Mesdames R. F. Pierceall, T. M. Boulware.

Junior Red Cross—Prof. E. E. Bridwell, Miss Lenna Evans, Mrs. Wm. O'Daniel.

Conservation—A. A. Melson, Mrs. W. S. Woodson, Mrs. Joe Smith, Miss Tib Evans, Mrs. A. A. Melson.

### Accident at Lakenan

James Hawkins, a prominent farmer living near Lakenan, was felling a tree Saturday morning about 11 o'clock and was caught beneath it in such a manner that he could not be extracted and it was necessary to send for a team to free the tree from his body.

Mr. Hawkins was badly crushed about the breast. He lived until 10 o'clock Saturday night when he passed away. Deceased was 77 years of age.

### Missouri Notes

Missouri is the Fried Chicken State.

Missouri is the Regional Bank State, and the Center State of the nation.

Self-respect and an ambition to succeed constitute a type of pride that prints well in the Book of Honor.

The green boys of today are the leaders of tomorrow—they may be awkward, but they are the salt of the earth.

If you want to have many friends be a friend, for this is the true secret of human sympathy of the sort seriously counting for something.

We cruelly judge and get cruel judgement in return—we carelessly and maliciously shoot folks with our machine-gun mouth, yet think it awful to get back what we take to mill.

Until Missouri enacts a compulsory spraying law the moth and the worm will continue to encourage us to pay a dime a throw for box apples with half the flavor of the home brand.

Ed. Longmire, T. O. Wilson, J. R. Pike, S. T. Pollard and U. S. Deputy Marshal W. B. Fahy, all of this city, are in Hannibal this week attending the session of the Federal court. Longmire, Wilson and Pike are jurors while Pollard is acting as bailiff.

### Decreasing Accidents

That it is possible greatly to reduce the number of industrial accidents is proved by a recent report of conditions in the steel industry. In 1907 245 men were killed or injured out of every 1000, an appalling record of slaughter and crippling. In 1917, as the result of the Safety First movement, the rate had been reduced to 81 per 1000.

One of the greatest causes of poverty is the number of industrial accidents. While the majority of the accidents reported above were trifling, a great many leave a man partly incapacitated for work. The victim becomes discouraged, dependent on relatives, and is a drag on the progress and efficiency of the community.

The improvement noted is being accomplished by the campaign of education commonly called the Safety First Movement. It has achieved great results, but accidents are still far too common.

Many employers will not remove dangerous conditions until forced to do so. They act against their own interest. Every time a worker is hurt in poorly protected machinery, it helps deplete the supply of able bodied skilled labor. It undermines the loyalty of a shop force. Mechanics dislike to work in a shop where indifference is shown to the safety of employees.

The majority of accidents are no doubt due to the negligence and lapse of attention of employees. There is no human intelligence in cogwheels and rollers and belts. If you get in their way, they will grind your flesh into sausage. Some people have a certain natural bravado. They delight in doing risky things and showing how little fear they entertain. No person is fit to handle modern machinery until he thoroughly understands its dangers, and is willing to form habits of prudent caution.

Now that the war is over, or will be when the peace papers are signed there appears a question that requires immediate attention. Are our naturalization laws to remain as they are and allow all who will to become citizens, with full powers, almost as soon as they land in this country? No one should be naturalized till he can speak the English language to such a proficiency that he use it in his ordinary conversation. There is no use having a babel of languages in this country. If one can speak several languages, it is an accomplishment, but they need not be used in everyday life. Just how many foreigners will want to come to this country as soon as all the war questions are adjusted, it is difficult to say, but there may be a great many hence the necessity of an early regulation of the rules of conduct of those who do come. Some of our best citizens are foreign-born, but they become thoroughly American in thought and language as soon as possible after coming to this country. It is an important matter and the war has made many mistakes in the past in her endeavor to be an asylum for the dissatisfied of all other nations—Moberly Democrat.

The ex-Kaiser in a formal statement says he would like to send a message to the American people because he still has some friends among them, but will not because he has retired to private life. He may have some friends here, but they are carefully concealing their regard for him.

Fire last Monday night destroyed almost half the town of Callao, the entire business with the exception of two firms being destroyed. The fire department of Bevier and Macon responded to a call for help and assisted in saving the rest of the town. Callao has a population of about 1000.